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Group Art Unit: 1775

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hiroshi KANAYAMA et al.**

Serial Number: **09/423,436** ✓

Group Art Unit: 1775

Filed: **November 9, 1999** ✓

Examiner: **M. LAVILLA** ✓

For: **SLIDING BEARING FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE**

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: **May 21, 2002**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A sliding bearing for supporting an opposing shaft movable in a sliding direction against said sliding bearing, said sliding bearing comprising:

a backing metal, and

a copper alloy containing from 0.1 to 2% by weight of Ag and from 1 to 10% by weight of Sn, the balance of the alloy consisting essentially of Cu, said alloy bonded to said backing metal, and having on its side opposite to the backing metal a roughened surface of approximately 0.5 to approximately 10 μ m of roughness (Rz);

said alloy having defined a layer parallel to and adjacent to said backing metal, and a sublayer that is not directly adjacent to said backing metal;

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